

The DAILY HERALD has nearly **DOUBLE** the Circulation of either contemporary paper published in Los Angeles. As an advertising medium it is consequently of **DOUBLE** their value.

Unimproved Lands.

In all directions going from the city one comes upon large tracts of wild, uncultivated lands, which are lying in the hands of speculators, waiting for a rise. It is the undisputed interest of the entire country, that these lands be occupied; but the owners, understanding little their own interest, will not sell except at exorbitant rates. Settlers are thus kept out, lands untillable, and the entire country damaged.

By the present system of assessment, owners are encouraged to keep their property in an uncultivated state. Custom offers a premium to the man who does not cultivate his land. Between here and Gallatin are 13,000 acres of beautiful land, now lying a desert waste, because there is no one to till. In this ruinous proceeding, the owner is encouraged by the assessment. Thirty dollars per acre is the valuation when a buyer comes; but the assessor is told that the property is worth four dollars. This is no isolated case. The same thing occurs, time and again, throughout the country and all Southern California.

There should be a remedy. The selling valuation and the tax valuation should be made one; the assessor should see that this is the case. Then these large unwieldy ranches would gradually be broken up, for owners would find it more profitable to sell at reasonable rates, than pay the accruing taxes. Settlers would cover these lands, now uninhabited and desolate, and they would blossom with all the varied verdure of this country.

By reference to the advertising columns will be seen a call for a Peoples' Convention to nominate a Peoples' Ticket. The call is timely and should be responded to by men of all parties and prejudices. With local measures, politics and parties have little to do. To make a good Congressman requires no belief in free trade nor tariff; in State rights or Caucasian; honesty, integrity, purity, energy, intelligence are required.

W. H. WORKMAN is a candidate for School Trustee, and a good one he is, too. One of our most energetic and public spirited citizens, he could scarcely help being a good Trustee.

SANTA BARBARA ITEMS.

Our Real Estate market has been unusually quiet of late, owing to the stringency of the Eastern money market, and the fact that most of our would be buyers are Eastern men.

Thursday, 20th, the Mohongo arrived with sixty-five passengers. Monday, 24th, the Constantine arrived with about fifty passengers and a goodly lot of freight.

The Le Roy-Duret theatrical troupe were in town last week, and played in Lobos's theatre four evenings. They met with very good success. The troupe left Saturday night on steamer Ventura.

It is with pleasure that we chronicle the fact that Capt. Mark Harlow, formerly of the P. M. S. S. Senator, has lately taken command of the Goodall, Nelson & Perkins' steamer Constantine. The Captain arrived this morning on his first trip down.

On Saturday, the 22d inst., the pastry cook of the Occidental Hotel, rode rapidly around the corner of State, into Ortega street, his horse ran into a four horse team, which was standing there, throwing the rider under the heels of the wheel horses, which started the team; the wheel horses passed over the rider, who was a Frenchman. The team ran down Ortega street into Anacapa street, where it was stopped, with, we believe, no injury to the team. The Frenchman was seriously though not dangerously injured.

Santa Barbara is jubilant over the very valuable acquisition of a hand organ, which we understand has been discoursing sweet (?) notes to Los Angeles. A very large crowd of very small boys, and some big ones, may be seen near the corner of State and Ortega streets, standing with mouths open and ears ready to catch every note that proceeds from the wonderful (?) instrument.

The subject of a free reading room and library is before the people of this city. It is to be hoped that they will act wisely, and establish such a place, where strangers, and young men can go, and not have the temptations of drink before them.

On the 22d inst., Chas. Pierce broke ground for a two story brick building, 24 feet front, on his lot next to the Lion Drug Store, on State street.

Monday evening the 24th inst., about forty ladies and gentlemen of this city met at Cook's Hall, State street, for the purpose of establishing a free reading room and library. The meeting was called to order at 7 o'clock by Rev. J. W. Hough, and Dr. A. K. P. Bradbury was elected chairman, and F. L. Webster Secretary. After some preliminary talk, a subscription was started, the amount to be raised, being put at \$5,000, and \$10 per share. In a few minutes fifty-five shares were taken, and a committee of three ladies and two gentlemen were appointed to solicit further subscriptions. The meeting adjourned, subject to a call of stockholders from the chairman of the committee.

The Board of National School Trustees resolved to petition the Legislature for an appropriation of \$20,000 to complete the Normal School building, \$10,000 for grading, graveling, fencing and ornamenting purposes, and \$5,000 for furnishing the building. Also, that the \$8,000 appropriated for apparatus be renewed and that the annual appropriation for current expenses of the school be \$20,000 instead of \$15,000.

Late Telegrams.

EXCLUSIVELY TO THE HERALD.

CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Nov. 26.—Gen. Sheridan left for Washington last night, in obedience to a summons from the War Department.

A Washington special says, referring to the latest dispatches from Spain: It is authoritatively stated that the demands of the Government are as follows: That the Virginians must be surrendered; that the surviving passengers and crew must be restored; that the United States flag be saluted in the port where it has been outraged; that suitable indemnity be made to the families of American citizens massacred.

Jennings, editor of the New York Times, after an interview last night with President Grant and Secretary Fish, telegraphed the following editorial commenting on the demands: "We have not the slightest doubt that when official papers are published, it will be seen that the Government has asked for a reparation of this kind with great courtesy, and yet not without due courtesy to the struggling republic of Spain; if Señor Castellar asked for reasonable time in order that the government might acquaint itself with all the facts in the case, could we refuse it? No doubt an intimation has been made from the other side to the effect that the dispute might be referred to an arbitration, but there are some things which are not adapted to this mode of settlement, among them is the gross manifestation of want of integrity to one great power by another. It is not therefore supposed for a moment that our government will consent to any proposals for an arbitration, at least so far as regards its principal claims for redress. If Spain asked for time it was impossible to refuse, but of course a reasonable time must be fixed upon. It will never do to allow a controversy of this nature to be protracted over an indefinite period; such limit we have no doubt was actually fixed, if we are not mistaken it expired on the 26th inst., and then if the authorities of Madrid cannot decide on doing justice to our government, the United States Minister there will close his legation. This course would not shut the door upon all negotiations, but unquestionably it would be a startling event. The Virginians should have been condemned, if condemned at all, before a legal tribunal. Spain has clearly violated the treaty of 1795, and such breach of faith could not be allowed to pass unchallenged. It seems very probable that the independence of Cuba will be the result of this difficulty. Although we still hope it will be accomplished without war between the United States and Spain. A special from the same source says: A report circulated yesterday, of the projected overthrow of the Castellar government and the establishment of Serrano as regent for the young Duke Alfonso, was contained in a cypher dispatch received by Hon. Wm. M. Everts, from Madrid, and by him telegraphed to New York.

After giving the above facts Everts adds that quick succession of events in Spain have proved the inefficiency of the Castellar government. He assumes no control to cope with the disaffected in his cabinet. Insurrectionary in the army and the struggle of Carlism, in addition to this, the power of the priesthood has been secretly and most powerfully at work to undermine the strength of republicanism. And the hereditary oligarchy of that nation, has united its strength with the church to bring about this result.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—The plasterers of Brooklyn have struck to force the employers to guarantee them four dollars per day during the winter. The President of the Plasterers' Union has been arrested on a charge of threatening non-cooperation with men working.

A Washington special says the government at Madrid declares it is willing and has resolved to restore the Virginians and yield to the claims of the United States; its only request now being that the fact shall be established that the Virginians were entitled to protection by the American flag.

The anniversary of the massacre of the students of the Medical University of Havana, which took place three years ago, will be suitably observed in the churches of this city to-morrow.

MISCELLANEOUS.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 26.—A convention of colored men of Kentucky met at Frankfort yesterday, and appointed delegates to the National Convention of their color which assemblies at Washington December 9th. Many resolutions of an independent character were passed.

WANTED INFORMATION.—A few days since a deputation of Chinamen visited an undertaker's establishment in Sacramento and proceeded to make arrangements for a funeral of a fellow countryman, who they stated, had died a short time before after a long illness. It was necessary to ascertain the size of the deceased, and a man connected with the establishment accompanied the Celestials to where the remains lay. In the customary manner he passed the line over the body, but suddenly ceased operations as the deceased opened his eyes with an astonished stare and ejaculated: "What you do?" The patient had been in a stupor, but one resembling death so closely that his friends were deceived. However, it was but a day or two before he died, but the undertaker was good and sure that he was dead before he would bury him.

PACIFIC COAST TELEGRAMS.

EXCLUSIVELY TO THE HERALD.

SAN FRANCISCO.

Prison Birds en route.—Dividend Loss by the late fire.—San Francisco, Nov. 26.

Sheriff Adams of Santa Clara, arrived to-night with John Bennett in charge, en-route to San Quentin, for two years, for felony. He also brought George Barman, alias Schultz, the notorious Oregon highwayman. Schultz will stay here until an officer arrives from Salem to take him.

A notorious thief named J. McCormick was arrested to-night with three buggies in his possession. Lawrence Sellinger, an old detective, has been appointed Captain of the Custom House night watch.

The Derby Mining Company has declared a dividend of fifty cents per share.

There will be no meeting of the Stock Exchange to-morrow.

Thanksgiving day will be generally observed in this city.

Mr. Henry, the proprietor of the furniture store damaged by fire last night, says that the loss will amount to between \$80,000 and \$100,000.

Stocks.

NORFOLK AND WEST.	
Ophir	80
Gold & Curry	14
B & B	11
Sanchez	20
Chollar	7
Hale & Norcross	28
Crown Point	37
Yellow Jacket	61
Imperial	35
Empire	15
Kentuck	12
Booth	25
Confidence	7
San Joaquin	2
S. Nevada	20
Eschscholtz	19
Seg. Belcher	3
Overman	57
Justice	75
Succor	15
Dunsmuir	29
Buckeye	15

MENDOCINO VALLEY.	
Baymond & Ely	12
Eureka	9
Page & Panama	1
W. C. & Co.	5
Union Pacific	1
Hahn & Hunt	1
Silver Peak	1
Belmont	1
Newark	1
Live Stock	1
El Dorado	1
Kentucky	1
Haves	1
Watson	1
Caroline	1
Josephine	1

MONTEREY.

Trial of one of the Vasquez Gang.—Examination of Witnesses.

SALINAS CITY, Nov. 26.

To-day, in the case of Toledo Moreno, one of the Vasquez gang murderers, Sheriff Adams was called as a witness and detailed the circumstances of his ineffectual pursuit of Vasquez and the surrender of Levia. Lewis Schiver testified that Moreno was one of the men engaged in the murder and robbery at Tres Pinos. L. C. Smith, one of the men who was bound and laid on the floor at the time of the murder, could not positively identify Moreno as one of the party, but believed he was one. Deputy Sheriff Chick testified to facts about the capture of Moreno and part of the stolen property.

Mrs. Davidson, wife of the hotel keeper killed, detailed the incidents of the murder as far as she witnessed them. She saw others shot besides her husband, but could not identify Moreno. After hearing her testimony the prosecution closed and the defense called Manuel Lorios, who swore that when Vasquez and others of his gang visited his house, the prisoner was not with them. This man is a brother-in-law of Vasquez. The defense are seeking to prove an alibi by him and other witnesses. Moreno himself testified in his own behalf, and said that on the night of the murder he was stopping at the house of Concepcion Ephrosa, at San Carlos; that early in the morning following he went to the house of Tiburcio Vasquez, and found him and three other men there; they were at breakfast, and he sat down with them; he denied that he had any part in the affair, and was not present at Levia's house when any robbery was planned. With his testimony and that of several to impeach witnesses for the people, the evidence closed, and after arguments of counsel, the case was submitted to the judge. No verdict yet.

CRESCENT CITY.

Violent Earthquake.—The Town of Crescent City Visited by a Shock that Lasted Thirty Seconds.—Injury to Buildings, etc.

JACKSONVILLE, Nov. 26.

The following letter from Jacob Marhofer, of Crescent City, under date of November 23, was received at the telegraph office here to-day: We were visited by a terrible earthquake last night at 8:45, which lasted about thirty seconds and did considerable damage. The shock seemed to pass from southwest to northeast. Nearly all the brick buildings in the town sustained some injuries. Among the most serious were the American Hotel, the Express building, Savill & Derby's, Hobbs, Pomeroy & Co's store, Delahay & Cuthbert's store, and Hodgkin's store, and there were quite a number of chimneys toppled over on frame buildings. Crocker, etc., suffered severely. No lives were lost or accidents occurred. J. G. Wall, of Crescent City, who resides in Jacksonville, reports that the ground is extensively cracked in some places for over 100 feet.

SOLANO.

County Seat Election.—Vallejo Victorious.—Railroad Accident.

VALLEJO, Nov. 26.

The county seat election to-day passed off remarkably quiet with the following result: First Ward Vallejo—Vallejo, 1,126; Fairfield, 19. Second Ward—Vallejo, 874; Fairfield, 36.

Third Ward—Vallejo, 99; Fairfield, 4. Total majority for Vallejo, 2,040.

Vallejo has undoubtedly carried the election.

A man whose name is unknown, passenger from Suisun to Vallejo, was run over by the cars at Vallejo Crossing, this evening. His leg and thigh are broken, and three of his toes cut off.

The Vallejo band serenaded some of the leading citizens this evening. The city is illuminated and a salute is being fired in honor of gaining the county seat election.

BENICIA, Nov. 26.

To-day a vote was taken throughout the county which decides the location of the county seat. At no election during the year has there been so much hard work done. Money has been freely spent on both sides. Following is the vote cast: Fairfield, 145; Vallejo, 74; Benicia, 3. Total, 225.

SAN BERNARDINO.

Rich Gold Discovery in Holcombe Valley.

SAN BERNARDINO, Nov. 26.

An immensely rich quartz mine was discovered by Charles Carter in Holcombe Valley, a few days ago. It is about one mile from the Halsey Company's Mill. The ledge is all of sixty feet wide and projects one hundred feet from the ground; the gold can be seen all over it. A company of ten men left to-day to try and purchase it, and there is another company of twelve to leave for there to-morrow.

MARTINEZ.

Murder Trial Progressing.

MARTINEZ, Nov. 26.

In the Fifteenth District Court, to-day, the case of Henry Ploeger, charged with murder, is still on trial. The case of Thos. Redfern, indicted for manslaughter, has been continued for the term.

Pacific Coast News.

A number of good horses are entered for the races at San Diego.

They have had some severe snowstorms in Virginia, Nevada.

It is proposed to divide Monterey county; but a strong opposition is felt.

The bricklayers of Carson were successful in their strike for \$7 per day. The amount of property assessed to women in Alameda county is \$2,000,000.

It is intended to convert the Lick flour mill at San Jose into a paper mill.

There is some talk of establishing a watch factory at Dacotah, Alameda county.

The Carson Mint continues working in full force all day and a great way into the night.

The California Beet Sugar Company will move from Alameda next Spring to Santa Cruz.

Winnemucca, Nevada, supports more saloons than all the balance of the county together.

Two running horses from Detroit, belonging to Mr. Armstrong, have arrived at Sacramento.

The Chronicle has just proved the largest circulation in San Francisco, and the Call is raving mad.

The flats across the bay from San Francisco have produced about 15,000 tons of salt this year.

A Solano county woman who went into the chicken business last year cleared \$900 in that time.

Rev. Dr. Hittell, late President of Middlebury College, Virginia, is in San Francisco. He will spend the winter on this coast.

There is a vacant military cadetship at West Point, which Nevada is entitled to fill, and the aspiring youth of that State are "cranking" for an examination.

We learn from the Army and Navy Journal that the Rev. Adam A. McAlister of Vallejo has been appointed a Chaplain in the Navy, from November 10th, 1873.

The Oakland Torchlight believes the Rev. Marshall innocent of the charges on which he has been convicted by an Ecclesiastical Council, and the San Jose Patriot thinks that the Kinsey party will be acquitted of the murder of Green at Pescadero.

Colonel Harry Linden, Third District Court Commissioner, and an old resident of Alameda county, died at his residence at Tenaset on Friday night, November 21st. Colonel Linden was an old and experienced soldier, and was for many years prominently identified with the politics of Alameda county.

The coinage done at the Mint yesterday, says the Carson Appeal of November 20th, was \$50,000, of which \$18,000 was coined in gold half eagles, \$21,000 in gold eagles and \$12,000 in one-dollar coins. A shipment of eleven bars of "fine" silver was made to the credit of the Crown Point mine, Gold Hill, Nevada. The bars have an aggregate value of \$22,000.

S. P. Davis has been engaged as editor of the Colusa Independent. He has journalistic experience and ability, and will make the Independent even more interesting than heretofore. Davis, rather widely known as "Newbraska Sam," has recently been writing a number of humorous sketches and paragraphs for the Marysville Appeal, and will no doubt continue these good things in the Independent.

The San Diego race track is in a wretched condition since the rains, and being naturally one of the best in the State for speed, it is believed some of the best time ever made in Southern California will be shown. There are thirty horses now in training for the different races, all the purses having been paid. A shipment of eleven bars of "fine" silver was made to the credit of the Crown Point mine, Gold Hill, Nevada. The bars have an aggregate value of \$22,000.

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NEW TO-DAY.

LOS ANGELES.

City and County Directory.

FOR 1874.

THE UNDERSIGNED ARE PREPARING for the publication of a Directory of the city and county of Los Angeles, and will be glad to communicate with any parties who are able to impart information—historical, descriptive or statistical—which will be of sufficient interest to incorporate in the work. Items relating to the early history of the county, descriptions of important or interesting localities, and statistics of the productions of particular neighborhoods, are respectfully solicited.

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The train leaves Wilmington at 8 A. M., Los Angeles at 9:30 A. M., and returns home in the afternoon at the close of the exercises. FOR GRANGES, in full regalia, will accompany this train, and sixteen Granges are expected at Los Nietos to participate in the celebration. Tickets can be had in Los Angeles at all the Bookstores and at the following places: J. Q. A. Stanley's office, No. 2 Temple Block; at THREE LOTS OF LAND, Fourth and Fifth streets, on office. Inquire of H. EDWARDS, or J. D. BURNELL, Room No. 39, Temple Block, nov15-16

To the People of Los Angeles City.

THE UNDERSIGNED, CITIZENS of Los Angeles city, would respectfully call a meeting at large of the citizens of said city, for the purpose of nominating a "People's" Ticket for the next city election. Said meeting to be held at the District Court Room, on FRIDAY EVENING, November 28th, at 7 o'clock.

V. A. Hoover, Wm. Ferguson, J. Spencer, R. Beaudry, J. Crow, S. M. Van Doren, E. H. Howard, J. L. Laps, K. D. Wise, D. B. Nichols, J. F. Ellis, S. B. Casswell, John E. Madison, Chas. Knott, George H. Pike, H. Lockwell, S. Braslin, T. Signoret, A. W. Morris, T. J. Askin, J. W. Payner, H. D. Barnes, C. E. Park & Co., H. Thorneille, Wm. C. Curry, Sidney Lacey, Isaac W. Lord, D. Rivers, F. V. C. Mondran, and others, Los Angeles, Nov. 24, 1873. nov26-11

Citation.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF the County of Los Angeles.

In the matter of the estate of John Dorn, deceased.

The people of the State of California to all persons interested in the estate of John Dorn, deceased, greeting: By order of this Court, you are hereby cited and required to appear before Y. Sepulveda, Judge of this Court, at the court room thereof, at the courthouse in the County of Los Angeles, on Monday, the 31st day of December, 1873, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, then and there to show cause why the report and proceedings of the appraisers in the matter of appraising and measuring the household of Mary Jane Dorn should not be approved, or contest the same and file objections thereto.

Witness, the Hon. Y. Sepulveda, Judge of said Probate Court in and for the County of Los Angeles, with the seal of said Court affixed, this 26th day of November, A. D. 1873. Attest: A. W. POTTS, Clerk.

By S. H. Morr, Deputy Clerk.

S. C. BURNELL, attorney for Mary Jane Dorn, administratrix. nov27-11

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At the solicitation of many friends, I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Councilman of the Second Ward.

FOR CITY ANNESSOR.

J. D. GUERRERO respectfully announces himself as a candidate for City Assessor.

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An 80-ACRE TRACT, located on the line of the railroad going east to Mud Springs, and embraced in the San Jose Rancho. This is a most desirable piece of land, is in a first-rate condition; under fence, and good water right on which are growing 10,000 grapevines in a full bearing condition; has a large commodious DWELLING-HOUSE; all to be sold on easy terms. For particulars, apply to P. C. TONNER, Spadra, or at the

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